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SUBJECT: LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY ELECTION: RACIAL DISTRIBUTION

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1. REGARDING RACIAL COMPOSITION ANGOLA' S NEW LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY TO BEST OF OUR KNOWLEDGE, 11 OF 53 MEMBERS ARE NON- WHITE: SIX AFRICANS REPRESENTING NATIVE AUTHORITIES; THREE MULATTOES; TWO OTHER NON- WHITES FROM " POPULARLY ELECTED" LIST. ANGOLA' S POOR SHOWING IN CONTRAST TO MOZAMBIQUE BOTH AS REGARDS INCREASED REPRESENTATION OF NATIVE- BORN ANGOLANS AND NON- WHITES ALL THE MORE SURPRISING IN VIEW RELATIVELY LARGER NUMBER HERE OF EDUCATED INDIVIDUALS IN BOTH CATEGORIES. UNTIL WE LEARN OTHER WISE MUST ASSUME THIS REFLECTS WISHES OF GOVGEN AND OTHER LEADERSHIP.

2. LOCAL OPTIMISTS ADVISE WAITING TO SEE WHETHER OPPORTUNITIES OFFERED BY NEW OVERSEAS STATUTES FOR GREATER PUBLIC PARTICIPATION WILL PRODUCE COMPETING LISTS AND GREATER PERCENTAGE OF LOCAL CANDIDACIES FOUR YEARS HENCE. STRICT CONTROL GOVERNMENT EXERCISED OVER CANDIDACIES, HOWEVER, DOES NOT SEEM TO AUGUR WELL FOR FUTURE.

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